

MINUTES
LEXINGTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION
March 15, 2012

The Lexington County Planning Commission held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, March 15, 2012, at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers on the second floor of the County Administration Building. Attendance for the meeting was as follows:

Members Present:

Rock Lucas
Andy White
Michael Shealy
Pat Dunbar
Lee Matthews
Robert Spires
Keith Myhand
David Laird

Staff Present:

Charlie Compton
Jack Maguire
Sharon Willis
Janet Turner
Walt McPherson
Chris Folsom
Robbie Derrick

Members Absent:

Warren Cope

Others Present:

None

The meeting for March 15, 2012 was called to order at 8:03 a.m. by Chairman Rock Lucas. Andy White gave the invocation for the meeting.

Minutes: Chairman Lucas stated that the first item would be the minutes at Tab P. Andy White made the motion to approve the February 2012 minutes and Pat Dunbar seconded the motion. There was no further discussion and the vote for approval of the minutes was as follows:

In Favor: Dunbar
Matthews
Shealy
Laird
Lucas
Spires
Myhand
White

Opposed: none

Not Present: Cope

Activity Reports: Chairman Lucas stated that the next items on the agenda were the Activity Reports at Tab Q and R. Charlie Compton presented a chart showing the residential permitting for the past 14 years. He noted that January and February of 2012 were very strong for winter months. During the first 13 days of March Lexington County issued 44 site-built permits and 17 manufactured home permits.

Ordinance #12-1: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item on the agenda was the Ordinance #12-1 at Tab S. Robbie Derrick reviewed the proposed changes to the Landscape and Open Space Ordinance noting that the Commission is being asked to make a recommendation before it goes to the County Council Planning and Administration Committee for further review.

Mr. Derrick's presentation covered a number of minor administrative changes but also addressed specific changes concerning advertising signs, exclusions, mulching, species selection, parking lots, detention/retention ponds, and jurisdictional determination.

Most of the discussion involved the handling of detention/retention ponds. This was the portion of the Ordinance which County Council had been reviewing for several months and asked the staff to address. Charlie Compton recommended that this item be carried over for one additional meeting to allow more time for the Commission to address any concerns.

Private Road Policy Review and Update: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item on the agenda was the Private Road Policy Review and Update at Tabs T, U, and V. Charlie Compton stated that it was very appropriate for the staff to do a review of the County's private road policies and procedures. He briefly referenced the Access Policy at Tab U and the Road Section Criteria at Tab V, spending the majority of the time reviewing the Planning Commission's Private Road Policy at Tab T.

It was decided that it would probably be helpful to include a copy of the Policy in the agenda package any time there is a privately-maintained road request before the Commission. The staff could then make references to specific sections of the Policy that were at issue for that meeting.

Subdivision Bonds: Chairman Lucas stated that the next item was Subdivision Bonds at Tab W. Janet Turner stated this report was for information only.

Adjournment: With no further business or discussions the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved,

(signed copy on file)

Charlie Compton
Secretary

(signed copy on file)

Rock Lucas
Chairman